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SUBJECT: VISIT TO CHILE OF UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL BRADFORD MORSE

REF: SANTIAGO 1152

1. SUMMARY: UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL BRADFORD MORSE LEAVES CHILE EVENING FEBRUARY 28 AFTER FIVE ACTIVE AND USEFUL DAYS OF DISCUSSION WITH GOC AND NON-GOVERNMENT LEADERS. VISIT WENT VERY WELL, ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE NO IMMEDIATE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHANGES IN GOC POLICY, AND MORSE MAY RETURN AT LATER DATE.

2. IN SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR, MORSE INDICATED THAT GOC HAD BEEN FULLY COOPERATIVE IN GIVING HIM ACCESS TO SOURCES INDICATED REFTEL, FROM PRESIDENT PINOCHET AND EX-PRESIDENT FREI ON DOWN, AND HAD PERMITTED HIM TO VISIT HIGH-LEVEL EX-UP LEADERS DETAINED AT RITOQUE AND TO CONVERSE WITH THEM FREELY. PRESS AND MEDIA TREATMENT OF MOORE'S VISIT WAS PROMINENT AND FAVORABLE, AND MORSE HANDLED HIMSELF VERY WELL IN THIS REGARD. TO ALL APPEARANCES, MORSE LEAVES CHILE CONVINCED THAT HIS MISSION WAS USEFUL AND THAT PROSPECTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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ON THE WHOLE FAVORABLE FOR GRADUAL MOVEMENT TOWARD RELAXATION

OF CURRENT HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.

3. MORSE FOUND HIS STRONGEST ALLIES IN FONOFF, PARTICULARLY FONMIN ADMIRAL CARVAJAL, AND AMONG CIVILIAN ECONOMIC LEADERS REPRESENTED IN CABINET. HE WON NO IMMEDIATE CONCESSIONS FROM PRESIDENT PINOCHET, BUT WAS STRUCK WITH VIGOR WITH WHICH ORDINARILY TACITURN FONMIN PRESSED CASE FOR IMPROVEMENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD IN DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT. HESITANCY AT TOP LEVELS OF GOC PRECLUDED POSSIBILITY THAT MORSE MIGHT DEPART WITH A HELPFUL WRITTEN STATEMENT, BUT HE HAS STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF HAVING PRESIDENT PINOCHET INCLUDE IN HIS 18-MONTH SUMMARY STATEMENT (MARCH 11) SOME INDICATION OF PROGRESS TOWARD RESTORATION OF NORMAL CONDITIONS IN CHILE.

4. MORSE STATED TO AMBASSADOR THAT, GIVEN MANDATE OF SYG AND UNGA PRESIDENT, HE MIGHT VERY WELL BE RETURNING TO SANTIAGO IN A FEW MONTHS TO FOLLOW UP ON HIS INITIAL DISCUSSIONS.
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